

നികളിൽപെട്ടവരുമായ ആളുകൾ ഇതു രണ്ടു സമുദായത്തിലും കാണാം.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : സിദ്ധന്മാർ എന്ന ഒരു സമുദായം കാനേഷുമാരിക്കണക്കിൽ കാണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : അത് ജനസംഖ്യയിൽ വളരെ കുറച്ചുപേർ മാത്രമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് "മറ്റു ഹിന്ദുക്കൾ" എന്ന വാഗ്ദാനത്തിലാണ് അതെ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

Uplift of Backward Communities.

42. * MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation for consulting certain matters connected with the amelioration of the condition of the backward communities ?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : The question is vague and is not understood.

Meetings and Conferences presided over by the Dewan.

43. * MR. P. M. VARGHESE : Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is not a fact that on account of frequent parties, meetings and conferences presided over by the Dewan in Trivandrum, many of the Heads of Departments, forced by the pressure of circumstances to attend such functions, find it hardly possible to be away from the metropolis on official circuits to different parts of the country ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (Secretary to Government) : No.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : Sir, the answer to my question is that it is not a fact that on account of frequent parties, meetings and conferences presided over by the Dewan in Trivandrum many of the heads of the Departments find it hardly possible to be away on official circuits. Can I take it like that ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : It is not correct to say that there have been frequent parties, meetings and conferences presided over by the Dewan in Trivandrum as a result of which many of the Heads of Departments find it hardly possible to be away from the metropolis on official circuits to different parts of the country.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether it is a fact that when the Dewan goes outside to attend parties and meetings, the policy of the Government is that they expect their officers also to attend the parties presided over by the Dewan ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : It is not so.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Are the Government aware that it is the practice of the Departmental Heads of Travancore to go to those places where the Dewan presides over parties, meetings and conferences ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Can we take it that the Government have not laid down any such policy in regard to the attendance of officers at the meetings presided over by the Dewan ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Then can we take it that Government do not expect their officers to attend the meetings presided over by the Dewan ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : The officers of Government may or may not attend such meetings.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : That is no answer to my question. May I know whether the Government have laid down a policy stating that officers of Government should attend the meetings presided over by the Dewan or they expect their officers to attend such meetings ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : No such policy has been laid down by Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Then may I take it that the Government do not expect their officers to participate in the meetings presided over by the Dewan ?

PRESIDENT : This is not a matter where cross-examination could be allowed.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Sir, I want an answer from Government on this matter, because occasions have arisen when we go in search of Government officers they have not been available on the ground that they had gone to Shencottah in connection with the opening of water supply presided over by the Dewan or some other thing. Various such occasions have arisen and therefore I may be furnished a definite answer.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. It is a practice known throughout the world that when the Head of the Administration takes part in functions which are of a character appertaining to the State at large, the senior officers of Government are also present. That is the case everywhere, whether in England or in India or even under the Congress Government when it has functioned. Therefore there is no question of policy involved in it. Each case depends on its merits. That is the reason why the answer is given in the negative.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Anyhow I want to bring to the notice of Government that it is the practice of the officers of Government to participate in the meetings and the conferences presided over by the Dewan in Trivandrum.

Indian National Flag.

44. * MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Police forcibly removed the Indian National Flag hoisted at one of the public meetings held at Palai recently ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : There is no recognised Indian National Flag. There are the Congress Flag, the Muslim League Flag, the Communist Flag and so forth.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know whether it is a fact that Government in a Press Communiqué recently stated that the Congress Flag may be considered as a National Flag ?